

ORCHARD VALLEY UNITED CHURCH

130 Cornwallis Ave., New Minas, NS B4N 3M7

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Sunday, December 13, 2020, 10:00 am

3rd Sunday of Advent

Music as We Gather

Gathering

* **Lighting of the Outreach, Unity and Christ Candles**

* **Lighting the Third Candle of Advent: The Candle of Joy**
(lit by the Handrigan-Oleskevich family)

* **Introit:** "Hope is a Star" VU #7 vs 3

Recognition of the Land and Indigenous People

Welcome and Announcements

The peace of Christ be with you.
And also with you!

* Call to Worship:

Do you know who is soon coming into our lives again this year?

Could it be the one who gives us hope?.

Yes, he is bringing us hope.

Could it be the one who is a messenger of Peace?

Yes, he is our way to peace.

And how about joy?

You can count on it!

It is Jesus!

It is! So, let us worship God together now; the One who makes all this possible.

* **Hymn:** "Herald! Sound the Note of Gladness" VU #28

Opening Prayer

Membership Transfer

Statement of Purpose

Presentation:

Clerk of Session:

On behalf of the congregation of Orchard Valley United Church, I present Cupido Daniels, Lyn Bolt, and Roger Bolt, whom we welcome into the membership of this community of faith by transfer of membership.

Commitment of Members:

Minister:

Cupido, Lyn and Roger, will you join with us as together we celebrate God's presence, live with respect in creation, love and serve others, seek justice, and resist evil?

Candidates:

I will, with God's help.

* Commitment of Congregation:

Minister:

Dear friends in Christ, let us pledge to Orchard Valley United Church these persons our support and care.

All:

As your brothers and sisters in Christ, we rejoice in the gifts you bring to us. We pledge to you our love and our support. With God's help, we will together live out the mission and ministry of Christ's church.

Welcome:

Clerk of Session:

In the name of Jesus Christ, accept this certificate of Membership as we welcome you to the privileges and responsibilities of membership in Orchard Valley United Church and into our church family. We give thanks to God for your witness among us.

Blessing:

Minister:

The grace of Christ attend you, the love of God surround you, the Holy Spirit keep you, today and always.

All: Amen.

Confirmation of New Members

Statement of Purpose

Presentation

Commitment of New Members:

Minister:

Jean / Julien, will you join with us as together we celebrate God's presence, live with respect in creation, love and serve others, seek justice and resist evil?

Candidates:

I will, with God's help.

Minister:

Will you join with your brothers and sisters in the mission and ministry of Christ's Church?

Candidates:

I will, with God's help.

*** Commitment of Congregation:**

Minister:

Friends in Christ, let us pledge to Jean / Julien our support and care.

Congregation:

**As your brothers and sisters in Christ,
we rejoice in the gifts you bring to us.
We pledge to you our love and our support.
With God's help, we will together live out
the mission and ministry of Christ's church.**

Laying on of Hands

Presentation of Gifts:

Clerk of Session:

Jean / Julien, accept this Certificate of Membership through Confirmation into the family of Orchard Valley United Church.

Minister:

Jean / Julien, accept this bible as the gift of God's word. May you find knowledge, comfort, and support to sustain you in life's journeys.

Welcome:

Clerk of Session:

In the name of Jesus Christ, we welcome you to all the privileges and responsibilities of membership in this congregation, and to the greater United Church of Canada. We give thanks to God for your witness among us.

Blessing:

Minister:

The grace of Christ attend you, the love of God surround you, the Holy Spirit keep you, today and always.

All: Amen.

*** Hymn:** "Blest Be the Tie That Binds" VU #602, v1

Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love;
the unity of heart and mind is like to that above.

Listening

Scriptures: 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24
John 1:6-8, 19-28

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church.

Thanks be to God.

Chimes Choir: "Away in a Manger / Still, Still, Still"

Sermon: **Who am I?**

Hymn: "I've Got Peace Like a River" VU #577 vs 2

Celebrating

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer

Hymn: "Good Christian Friends, Rejoice" VU #35

Commissioning

Benediction:

May God's love make you increase in love for one another; may Jesus teach you how to live in God's ways; and may the Spirit strengthen your hearts, as you ready yourselves for Jesus' birth once again. We go in peace to love and serve, this day, and everyday. Amen.

Music as We Depart